"The South 40" by JAMES A. SMITH EXTENSION AGENT

Looks right now as if there will be ample opportunity for local cattlemen to market their cattle this spring. Lynchburg holds sales on March 31 and April 14 - already there are 2,777 head nominated for the two sales.

Amherst has one scheduled for 2:00 on April 1 and Farmville is considering holding one at 10 a.m. on April 1.

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There's employment opportunities as farm manager at the Hanover Prison Farm - working with 150 beef cows and feeding offspring to slaughter plus a 65 cow dairy.

At the Goochland State Farm there's an opportunity for a Ag researcher whose major responsibility is working with beef records.

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Some are asking what to do about home curing meat from hogs slaughtered in late November but the meat frose. Naturally meat will not take up salt while frozen. If you are one of those that is concerned - add a small amount of salt keep in temperatures of 32° to 45°F and cure for an additional two to three weeks. As temperatures rise watch out for flies. If the meat has a good meat odor there should be no problem and be safe to eat.

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We're getting a number of questions about winter injury to ornamentals. Unusually low temperatures and drying winds caused the browning of leaves and in some cases damage to the stem. Broadleaf evergreens are apparently the most seriously injured

Don't be too hasty to start pruning - there may be life in the steams and if so they will generate new leaves in a few weeks. In some cases the plant may be killed back to the ground but the roots are still alive.

Watch the plants carefully as time passes remove any dead branches and a light application of garden fertilizer may be helpful to severely damaged plants. Be careful, you can over fertilize. During the remainder of this year be sure that your plants have adequate water.

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It still pays to have seed checked for germination. One report received this week showed the germination at 1% - certainly these seed are of no value.

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Soybean growers interested in booking soybean seed for 1978 from the Foundation Seed Farm need to do so by April 15.

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We're getting requests for identification of termites and ants - both can have wings and both will swarm. Be sure it's termites before spending large sums of money on ants.

If termites swarm you know they've been there for about four years - the building needs to be treated, but it's not going to fall in tomorrow - there's plenty of time to get bids from competant exterminators. Remember there are no secret chemicals, but above all, don't panic.

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Some reports indicate that state-wide honey bee colonies may have as much as 50% loss due to cold weather. Graydon Maxwell was by and said his losses were running 15 to 20 percent.

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Land prices were up 3% last year in Virginia, but up 40% in Illinois.

Watch soybean futures - they could hit $8.00 by planting time - if so, you may want to lock in a portion of the crop at this price.

In recent days several fire cured tobacco allotments have sold for $400 an acre.

1977 farm income will depend on two things - exports and yields.

Federal farm legislation expires this year - it's up for renewal and is currently being rewritten. There will be many proposals before the dust settles.

Rural population has increased faster in the past five years at 6% per year, against a 4% growth for the urban areas. One-half the rural growth is from retirees. Watch the population growth in the sunbelt states.

Did you know Appomattox County has had a 14% increase in population since 1969?

And did you know that in 1970 there were 1,000 students enrolled in agriculture at Virginia Tech, but today there are 3,000 students studying agriculture. Agriculture offers a real challenge to the bright student.

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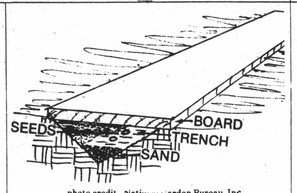
PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	.55
This Month	1.05
This Year	3.83



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OLD BOARD HOTBED

Everyone can't have a greenhouse, but there is a low cost simple way to produce high quality plants. The above sketch located on a protected site in well drained soil can produce a surprising number of plants. During daylight hours raise the board to permit adequate sunlight. Lower the cover in later afternoon to protect the plants.

BROWNIE TROOP 308 PLANTS TREE

On March 8, 1977 Brownie Troop 308 planted a pet loblolly pine tree that was donated to the troop by Westvaco Corporation. The Brownies not only learned the proper way to plant a tree, but were taught the importance of tree products in their life. The Brownies were amazed to learn that over 5,000 wood products and paper and chemical products are provided by trees as well as purifying the air and water, cushioning noise, and providing oxygen to breathe and shade. Trees also add beauty and provide a home and food for wildlife. The tree was planted at the Appomattox Primary School where the Brownies meet each week, and our Brownies will enjoy watching their pet tree, named Kookabura by them, grow. Pictured are Troop 308 leaders Mrs. Thelma Knight and Mrs. Mildred Thompson, visitors T. W. Layne and Mark Thompson, Brownies Kathy Beasley, Dawn Hancock, Terri Hancock, Wendy Mayberry, Cheryl Simpson, Sherry Vascar, Avis Knight (holding tree seedling), and Varlarie Waid.

Area Nurse Certified By ANA

Wilnie S. Bishop of Rt. 1, Appomattox, has received certification from the American Nurses' Association.

The area nurse was one of over 300 registered nurses recognized for excellence and superior performance in clinical practice and to receive the certification, which brings the total number of certified nurses in the United States to 70[illegible].

The ANA Certification Program provides recognition of individual achievement in nursing through assessment of knowledge, demonstration of excellence in clinical practice and colleague endorsement.

To be eligible for certifications through the ANA process, registered nurses licensed to practice in the United States must show that they are highly competent in implementing the nursing process, in considering alternatives and strategies in nursing actions and in synthesizing new insights from clinical data.

Included in the certification requirements are successful completion of a comprehensive examination in the nurse's area of practice, with a certification board evaluating documentation of excellence in clinical nursing and references from peers.

"The long-range goal of the program is the improvement of the quality of nursing care," Jean Quigley, coordinator of ANA's Certification Unit, explains.

Since 1958 a goal of ANA has been to establish ways to provide formal recognition of personal achievement and superior performance in nursing.

This goal was realized in 1976 with the establishment of the ANA Certification Program.

VA. FIBRE REPORTS WOOD PURCHASES FOR WEEK

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation in Riverville for the week ending March 6, 1977. Wood purchases are listed by counties.

Albermale	3,765.81
Amelia	880.11
Amherst	6,531.46
Appomattox	11,904.29
Augusta	296.13
Bedford County	1,905.53
Buckingham	19,475.73
Prince William	788.37
Campbell	5,585.50
Cumberland	4,748.93
Lunenburg	2,966.85
Nelson	10,757.16
New Kent	2,202.14
Pittsylvania	254.80
Prince Edward	783.43

We feel this information is of interest to citizens of our county as well as adjoining counties.

Promoted

MARCH 11 - Marine Private First Class Richard A. Blazer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy H. Blazer of Route 1, Box 623, Appomattox, Va., has been meritoriously promoted to his present rank upon graduation from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

He received the early promotion for his superior performance during all phases of the 11-week training cycle, which emphasized physical conditioning, self-discipline and teamwork.

He joined the Marine Corps in November 1976.

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Holly Thieman, Long Distance Operator, suggests you plan your long distance calls in advance...jot down what you want to say... tell your party your call is long distance...and use your watch to keep track of time. Advanced planning cuts time and costs.

You'll also save by dialing direct and calling out-of-state during off-hours...after five in the evening or on weekends when discounts are highest. Check your directory for specific information.

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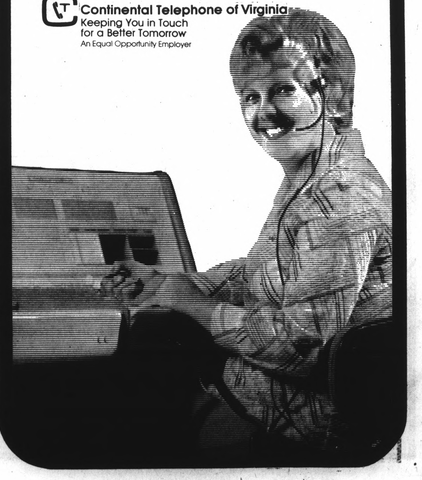

Shirley W. Walton Extension Agent

Make Better Use of Home Storage

Much of the living in your home is affected by the amount, kind, and location of storage spaces. Easy housekeeping demands good storage. Improvements in storage can mean improved working conditions, better care of possessions, and a pleasanter home in which to live.

A good starting point for improving storage is right where you are with what you have. It is highly probable that you have some storage units, closets, cupboards, or other areas which are not at present being used to the best advantage. Let's consider some of the possibilities which might apply or be adapted to your particular situation and needs.

Some signs that changes are needed

1. Open or unused wall space between shelves; or unused space at the top of a closet.
2. Articles several rows deep on shelves.
3. Unlike articles piled on top of one another on shelf or in deep drawer.
4. Clothes closets less than 24" deep, from front to back.
5. Any space going to waste in closets, cupboards, or chests.
6. Articles on floor of a room or basement, with wall space unused.
7. Large closets without natural oir artificial light.
8. Closet or cabinet interiors rough, unfinished, dark, hard to keep clean.

Judge your own storage

1. **Do you have places for keeping articles close to where they are used first?** At each activity center do you keep all articles required for that kind of activity?
2. **Can you see readily what you are looking for?**
3. **Can you reach** each frequently used article without stretching or stooping?
4. **Can you grasp and remove** each item easily, without first moving something out of your way?
5. **Are you making use** of all the storage space you have?
6. **Do you use a basket** and keep and move together tools and supplies used together in different places in the house (cleaning supplies)?

-For help in improving your home storage, call or write the Appomattox Extension Office.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Individual Pizzas

½ pound lean ground beef
¾ cup tomato sauce or small can
½ teaspoon oregano
Pinch of garlic salt
Salt & Pepper to taste
1 can unbaked biscuits
½ cup grated cheese or Sprinkle w/parmesan cheese

Turn meat in skillet until it loses pink color. Add tomato sauce and seasonings of your choice. Simmer sauce a few minutes and set aside. Roll out individual biscuits to about 4 inches across on floured surface. Place rolled out circles on greased cookie sheet. Spread with meat mixture and sprinkle tops with any grated cheese you have handy. Preheat oven to 400 degrees and bake for 10 minutes. Should have 10 pizzas or as many as you have biscuits.

Brownie Troop 308

Girl Scouts across the land are celebrating their 65th birthday the week of March 6 - 12. Local Girl Scouts purchased inserts to be distributed to the churches for inclusion in their bulletins which gave a short history of Girl Scouting and shared quotations from Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts. Girl Scouting in America was founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low and since then many girls between the ages of 6 - 17 have had the opportunity to develope values, to contribute to their community, and to relate to others. March 6 was Girl Scout Sunday and March 12 is the official Girl Scout Birthday. For their birthday treat for the year, Brownie Troop 308 has planned a trip to the circus in Richmond on Saturday. 66 brownies and their families will leave Triangle Plaza at 7:30 a.m. that morning, attend the circus at 11 a.m. and return to Appomattox by 4:30 p.m. Each person attending is to carry "nosebag" lunches & drinks. The Brownie treasury is paying part of the brownie fares and part of the leaders fare, plus paying a dollar of the fare for each driver. In celebration of Girl Scout week, Brownie Troop 308 also placed a display in the Appomattox County Library, which the public is invited to view, an placed posters in the Appomattox Primary school cafeteria, Dairy Queen and King's grocery store. The posters were prepared by Mrs. Mildred Thompson and Mrs. Diane Hall.

As a community service project, the Brownies of Troop 308 presented two 537 page books, "The Story of America," printed by the Readers Digest Association, one to the Appomattox County Library and one to the Appomattox Middle School on March 8. We hope the library patrons and the school students enjoy this colorful and comprehensive history of our country's birth and growth.

After the trip to the library, the Brownies returned to the Appomattox Primary School and together planted a pet lombary pine on the school grounds. The pine was donated to the troop by the Westvaco Corporation, and we thank them for sending it to us as well as packet of information about our friends, the trees.

Our thanks to Mrs. Nancy Carson who donated an old copy of the Girl Scout Handbook to our troop. We really appreciate the gift.

On March 1, our troop had a Brownie talent Show and all the parents were invited. Each participant received a gold ribbon. Those who participated were Steffanie Martin who was the hostess and read an original poem about the Brownies, Cheryl Simpson read an original story; Leigh Ann Taylor twirled baton; Ann Nolen played the piano; Kathy Beasley played the piano; Cathy White played the piano; Margie Lockner twirled baton; Dawn Hancock played the piano; Jennifer Elder sang a song; Charlene Garrett, Kimberly Fuller Valarie Waid, and Cheryl Wooten sang a song; Valarie Guill twirled baton, Auris Knight played the piano; Wendy Mayberry showed two dolls, Ann Hancock played the piano; Diane Banks sang a song; Lucy Christian sang a song; Sherry Vassar played the piano; Jeannice Bartelt showed her art work; and Emily Thompson and Sue, Jane and Anne Mayberry sang a song; and Valarie Garrett sang a song. The show was a great success and only proves that our Brownies CAN do anything

Our cookies will be back on March 17 & will be delivered the week of March 17-22. We thank all the people who took orders from our Brownies and hope they enjoy their cookies when they come.

Happy Birthday to all our Girl Scouts all over the world!

Brownie Troop 308 leaders are Mrs. Mildred Thompson, Mrs. Nancy Mayberry, Mrs. Thelma Knight, and Mrs. Barbara Mayberry.

A.A. MEETS EACH TUES. AT 8 p.m. IN ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

BROWNIES DONATE BOOKS TO SCHOOL

After their visit to the Appomattox County Library, the Brownies walked over to the Appomattox Middle School and presented a second copy of "The Story of America" to Mrs. Hezeteine Foster, principal of the school. In accepting the book, Mrs. Foster thanked the Brownies and told them that perhaps one day they would use the book after they were old enough to enter the Middle School. The Brownies earned the two books by selling magazines recently. Pictured are Mrs. Foster, leaders Mrs. Mildred Thompson and Mrs. Thelma Knight, Sue Mayberry, Janice Foster, Margie Lockner, Jo Anna Layne, Anne Hancock, Jane Mayberry, Lucy Christian, Cathy Johnson, Leigh Ann Taylor and Emily Thompson.

Assisting the leaders with the Brownies on the trip were Mrs. Margaret Lockner, Mrs. Louise Layne and Mrs. Myrtle White.

FFA Public Speaking Contest Slated

The 47th Annual Southside Area FFA Public Speaking Contest will be held in the Appomattox County High School, Thursday afternoon, March 24. Winners of five federation contests will participate.

Each contestant will make an eight-minute talk on an agricultural subject and respond to questions from the judges on his topic. The winner will represent Southside Virginia in the state finals at VPI in June.

R. B. Carter, director of vocational education in Appomattox County, is in charge of local arrangements. Judges will be the teachers of the second-place contestants in the five federations of the 15-county area.

The Amherst - Appomattox - Campbell federation will be represented by David Stratton, Appomattox County High School. J. F. Costes, instructor of agricultural education in the William Campbell High School, will serve as a judge.

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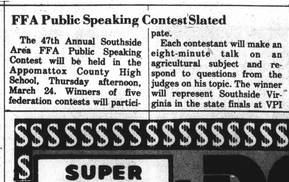

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